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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/663,551
Filing Date	September 18, 2000
Examiner Name	W. Sajous
First Named Inventor	Thompson, Mark R.
Group Art Unit	2672
Attorney Docket Number	019396-001400US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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Signature		Date	February 21, 2003

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1680)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-**	Extra Claims		Fees from below	Fee Paid
			X		
Independent Claims			X		
Multiple Dependent			X		

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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1051 130	2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		
1052 50	2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
1053 130	1053 130		Non-English specification		
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		For filing a request for reexamination		
1804 920*	1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month		
1252 410	2252 205		Extension for reply within second month		
1253 930	2253 465		Extension for reply within third month	930	
1254 1,450	2254 725		Extension for reply within fourth month		
1255 1,970	2255 985		Extension for reply within fifth month		
1401 320	2401 160		Notice of Appeal		
1402 320	2402 160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1403 280	2403 140		Request for oral hearing		
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1453 1,300	2453 650		Petition to revive - unintentional		
1501 1,300	2501 650		Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
1502 470	2502 235		Design issue fee		
1503 630	2503 315		Plant issue fee		
1460 130	1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner		
1807 50	1807 50		Petitions related to provisional applications		
1806 180	1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		
8021 40	8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		
1809 750	2809 375		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))		
1810 750	2810 375		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		
1801 750	2801 375		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750	
1802 900	1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application		
Other fee (specify)					
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